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SUBJ: CHATCHAI ON UPCOMING RTG RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

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FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE
APRIL 30. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS ON THE UPCOMING RTG RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA:

"REPORTER: WHY DID THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR GO TO MEET
YOU?

CHATCHAI: HE WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH
KOREA VERY SOON, SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

REPORTER: DO YOU CONFIRM THAT?

CHATCHAI: I CONFIRM IT WILL BE NEXT WEEK.

REPORTER: WHAT DID THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAY?

CHATCHAI: WE HAVE STATED ALREADY THAT WE WILL BE NEUTRAL.
THEREFORE, SINCE NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH KOREA HAVE BEEN
DEFINITELY PARTITIONED INTO TWO SEPARATE COUNTRIES, THOUGH
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WE HAVE RECOGNIZED SOUTH KOREA WE CAN EXTEND RECOGNITION

TO NORTH KOREA ALSO.

REPORTER: DID THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR MAKE A REQUEST
FOR US NOT TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO NORTH KOREA?

CHATCHAI: NO SUCH REQUEST WAS MADE. HE CAME TO PAY AN
ORDINARY COURTESY VISIT."

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